

## LOCAL NEWS.

TIME TABLE—A. T. & P. R. R.	
GOING EAST.	GOING WEST.
Passenger, 1:30 A. M.	Passenger, 3:10 A. M.
Passenger, 12:45 P. M.	Passenger, 2:50 P. M.
Freight, 10:45 A. M.	Freight, 7:50 A. M.
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Freight, 3:10 A. M.	Freight, 1:45 A. M.

J. McGINNIS, Agent.

Business in Dodge is unusually good.

The rain makes the wild sunflower smile.

The man who drinks whisky before breakfast will soon get his liver perforated.

A cold rain in July knocked Vennor's second heated term out of kilter. Two days' rain in July!

To the person bringing us the largest watermelon we will send the TIMES one year free. The "largest melon" to be determined by weight.

J. M. Wright and Mell Wright have returned from a trip to Warrensburg, Mo. Frank T. Wright is also in the city. The two latter reside in the Pan Handle.

The fine climate in this section is making Dodge City a delightful summer resort. The prohibitory amendment drives some old stagers to this point for their health.

The weather is so nice we feel like slandering somebody. And genuine locals are scarce, which makes it bad for the news gatherer, the rag picker and the boot black.

A. T. Burke, several years a resident of Dodge, came down for a few days from his home in Pueblo. He returned Tuesday. His family will remain here a few weeks longer.

Dick Evans descended from his mountain peak last week, and is now playing croquet with the Dodge folks. Dick can drive the balls through a succession of wickets. He is handy with a mallet and the balls.

B. E. McNulty sold his ranch and cattle for \$190,000. Mr. Littlefield some days ago sold one of his herds for \$335,000. The Prairie Cattle Company were the purchasers. A number of smaller stock ranches have been sold at good figures. Cattle raising is becoming a big and more profitable business.

The warm weather of last week induced the indulging of cold drinks, and by Sunday there was an unusual commotion of heat and iced whisky. It is quite evident that hot weather and whisky will get up a rumper. Whisky alone will do this, but hot weather is a valuable auxiliary and effective agent.

There was a heavy rain and thunderstorm last Thursday night. The signal office reports a fall of 2.85 inches. The rain extended east of Spearville. The rain was heavier west to the state line. The rain extended south beyond Bluff creek. There was a strip of country 10 miles west that was missed by the rain.

Col. Stranghn is reported as having been carried away by an avalanche of snow or mountain slide in Colorado. It is believed that he will be carried down the Arkansas river, and land safely at the bridge at Dodge. The last seen of him was Sunday when he was endeavoring to locate a mining claim on a lofty peak. The Colonel has an eye to business.

A Peroncelle, of Adobe, Seward county, was in town last week. Peroncelle & Michaud have purchased a baling machine and will put up several hundred tons of hay. Grass is heavy on the bottoms. Mr. Peroncelle reports numbers of wild horses on the Cimarron. We are glad to learn that he and Michaud are doing a good business with their ranch store.

A carload of watermelons stood on the track east of the depot Tuesday noon. It was soon noised around town, but as soon as the boys had their tackle prepared the car moved on its journey west. We saw one large melon lifted out of the car, and we felt tempted to do some lifting ourselves, but we refrained; it would have been a bad example to set before youthful men. We console ourselves that melons in neighboring patches will soon be ripe—ready to steal. Now if anybody loses any melons, why don't blame us.

Joseph McDonald was shot by Marshal Singer Friday night last and died three hours afterward. The circumstances which led to the shooting are as follows: The woman to whom Nate Hudson willed \$5,000 sent word to the marshal that three men were prowling around her house, and from their suspicious actions she believed they were trying to rob her. Marshal Singer obeyed the woman's request, and when near the premises, in a thick growth of sunflowers, was commanded to halt by McDonald, the latter raising his arm horizontally, as though in the act of firing. The marshal apprehended some danger from this movement, and not knowing whether the man had a pistol or not, raised his weapon and fired, the shot striking McDonald in the hand and passing into his right side, causing death in three hours. The wounded man remarked that his brother shot him. He gave no account of his wandering in the vicinity of the woman's premises.

McDonald was in the employ of the railroad company, and in company with another man came down from Syracuse on Thursday, the day previous to the shooting. He was in questionable company on that day, though this circumstance had no bearing on the shooting, but there is an impression that robbery was the design. Marshal Singer's quick forethought and knowledge of frontier pistol practice, prompted him to make defense when halted in the darkness and almost hid from view of the person who commanded him to halt. The ball entering the hand and striking the right side at a direct angle would indicate that McDonald held his hand in the position ascribed by the marshal.

A coroner's jury was summoned and an inquest held over the body. The verdict was justifiable homicide.

The deceased was 23 years of age. The body was sent to Topeka, where the parents of the unfortunate young man live.

Nathaniel Hudson, keeper of a dance hall, died in this city Thursday afternoon, of consumption. The deceased was about 35 years of age. He left \$3,000 in money, which he willed to a young woman with whom he had lived. Nate was a quiet, inoffensive man, and was well thought of by friends and acquaintances. Excepting the questionable character of his business he was an honest man and peaceable citizen, and left the world without an enemy. The body was interred in Prairie Grove cemetery.

Some one tried to add to the horrors of the heated term. A report was circulated that a drunken man had been eaten up by hogs. We didn't believe the story because Dodge hogs are penned; and unless a drunken man jumped into a hogpen he was in no danger of being devoured. It is said that crime, casualties, and human derangements, like tornadoes, cyclones, and hurricanes, come in cycles, and the hog story was probably started to complete the cycle of drunks and disasters that prevailed here for a few days.

A convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate for district judge is called to meet at Kinsley Sept. 16th. We believe that it is generally conceded that Judge Strang will succeed to his own office. This is the generally expressed wish of the people of the district. In fact, we hear of no candidates. We believe Judge Strang will be unanimously elected. The people are satisfied with him.

A call for a judicial convention has been issued by D. N. Helzer, member of the state central committee, in the absence of a district committee. The convention is called to meet at Kinsley Friday, Sept. 16, at 10 A. M. Ford county is allowed four delegates and the unorganized counties one each. The convention will nominate a candidate for district judge.

The rainfall in July up to 19th was 4.35 inches, being a greater rainfall during the month of July for six years past. The rainfall is 1.45 inches above the mean for six years past, since the Signal Station was established here, from which period comparative statements are made monthly by the Signal Office, for publication in these columns.

The new Methodist minister, Rev. Aaron S. Russell, arrived from Vermont last week, and preached his first sermon on Sunday last. He will preach Sunday evening next in the Union church.

## SHEEP NOTES.

—C. Barilla sold 100 lambs at \$1.15 per head.

—Judge Weston sold 1,900 ewes last week, at an average of \$3 per head—\$2.25 for the ewes and \$2.75 for the lambs.

—The number of feeding wethers for sale by Thos. Laher is 14,000. By mistake the number was printed 1400.

—S. B. Williams sold his interest in the flock of sheep to Judge Weston. The judge has about 1,000 head on hand for sale.

—C. Barilla sold 3,000 ewes and lambs on Friday last, to Mr. Setzer, of Sterling. The price paid was \$2 for ewes and \$1 for lambs.

—S. B. Williams, the veteran sheep-grower, will retain his ranch southwest of here and engage in sheep raising. We are glad to know that Uncle Sammy will remain in the business of sheep raising.

Walter Brown & Co., Boston, report that "There is little probability of any improvement in prices of wool from the present basis, during the next 60 days, and it is not at all unlikely that next month will see some sales reported, for washed wools, lower than those now current. On other descriptions we do not look for much change unless it be slight concessions in sympathy with the general tone of the market."

The good-heartedness of Dodge City was manifested Tuesday. A destitute man and five children were travelling from east of Great Bend to California, their conveyance consisting of a double geared wagon, but the man did the duty of one horse, assisting the single animal by holding to the neck yoke. He lost the other horse somewhere down the road. The people in Dodge took compassion on the man and soon raised another horse and \$50.00 in money. The traveler shed tears over this act of generosity, and one that puts to shame our Christian neighbors down the road.

Wednesday afternoon of last week an engine with Boulder coal started no less than eight prairie fires, in the vicinity of Hays City and Ellis, and swept northward before a gale of wind a roaring, irresistible sea of fire. It was a fearful sight to see the great rolls of smoke swaying from burning stacks and fields. It took but five minutes for the flames to travel a distance of two miles. Farming implements, barns and a dwelling house were also destroyed. The Hays Sentinel estimates the loss at nearly \$20,000. The railroad company will make good losses.

The Dodge City Live Stock Commission Company, for the sale of Sheep, Horses and Cattle, has been formed, Messrs. M. S. Culver, H. A. Hubbard and Thomas Laher, well known stockmen, composing the company. This is a reliable firm and we feel sure will give satisfaction to buyer and seller. We wish them success.

A handsome rain set in Monday evening and continued 60 hours. The rain was of the gentle soothing kind, falling gracefully and mistfully on the wane of the hot weather. The atmosphere reminded us of autumn, the temperature being lower than ordinary July weather. There was a fall of 90-100 inches of rain.

The rain was general over Central Kansas this week.

Sunday the surgeons attending the President concluded to make an incision to relieve a pus sac that had formed at a turn in the wound, in consequence of which the discharge was stopped. The incision was made by Dr. Agnew, and had the desired effect, relieving the wound of a considerable amount of pus which had collected at the elbow in the corner of the hall, causing the chill of Saturday.

The haying season will soon begin and the crop will be abundant. It is to be hoped that as much as possible will be cured, as hay is profitable even as low as three dollars per ton, where the producer does not rent the mow and pay too much for it. It is generally understood that it can be put in the stack for about \$1.50 per ton. The additional cost of getting it to market will depend upon the distance which it must be hauled. The probable low prices next winter should not deter any one from putting up all the grass they can.

## SPEARVILLE ITEMS.

—A good joke! On Monday morning of last week five of our townsmen boarded the 3:15 train for Nickerson, having been summoned to that place as witnesses in the case of the United States vs. C. H. Fahringer, and on account of their supposed suspicious conduct the conductor took them for train-robbers, and before proceeding to collect their fare called in the brakeman and baggage-master as a precautionary measure in case of an emergency. R. W. Tarbox, the well-known sheep man, was one of the number, and regarded by the aforesaid conductor as leader of the gang. The mystery was not solved until M. W. Setton, who was on board the train, was awakened from his peaceful slumbers and apprised of the presence of the suspicious characters and recognized them as peaceable citizens of this place.

—Mr. A. K. Burrell and wife of Hutchinson, were visiting L. W. Nichols' family. Mrs. Burrell and Mrs. Nichols are sisters.

—The rain that set in on Monday night has continued up to the present writing, (making 60 hours) in the way of occasional light showers, with continuous cloudiness, and doing the corn and other growing crops a large amount of good.

—W. V. Johnson informed us he had sold his residence to Jacob McCollister, who expects to occupy it for a boarding house.

—See advertisement of J. M. Rittenhouse in this paper offering for sale 2200 head of fine graded sheep.

—A stone quarry containing nearly as good stone as can be found in the State for building purposes, has been opened up six miles west of town, and it is supposed to contain stone enough to build up a town twice the size of this.

Vennor predicts "probably warm and oppressive, generally pleasant weather, with fairly warm days and cool to cold days, and fall-like evenings and nights" for the first five days in August. The month is marked with heat, storms and pleasant weather; hail storms and frosts, cooler to cold, and rain. The latter part of July cold nights and cold showers, warmer and high winds and rain storms.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 58.**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A POLL TAX UPON ALL MALE CITIZENS BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY-ONE AND FIFTY YEARS.**

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Dodge City:

Section 1. That a poll tax or poll tag be imposed upon all male citizens within the City of Dodge City, between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication once in the Dodge City Times.

Passed the Council June 17, 1891.  
M. F. RYAN, City Clerk.  
Approved by me this 27th day of June, 1891.  
A. B. WILKINS, Mayor.